

MINUTES ~ September 9, 2008

Ponaganset Middle School-Library

1. Call to Order

Mr. Gregory Laramie, Chair of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee, called the meeting of the Foster Glocester Regional Building Committee to order at 6:35 PM in the Ponaganset Middle School Library.

2. Roll Call

Mrs. Kecia Pierce called the roll. In attendance were Mr. Gregory Laramie of Glocester, Mr. Warren Ducharme of Foster, Mr. George Jacques of Glocester, Mr. Dennis Chretien of Foster, Mr. Raymond Fogarty of Glocester and Mrs. Julie Capobianco of Foster. Mr. Bill Abt of Foster was absent due to business reasons. Mr. Laramie reported that the School Committee has appointed Mrs. Kim Michalik as the Glocester representative for the Building Committee however he was not sure whether she would be in attendance at this meeting.

3. Financial Report

The Treasurer's summary report is attached as reference 1. Mr. Laramie asked committee members if they had any questions on the financial report which they received in their packages. There were none. Mr. Fogarty moved and Mr. Chretien seconded to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. So voted, 6-0.

4. Middle School Report

Mr. Laramie reported that the well system is complete, the water has been tested and approved and DOH has signed off on the system. He also reported that the last holding tank of the septic system has been repaired.

Mr. Bob Grzyb reported that Yardworks feels that the grass at the school is adequate however, he and Mr. Mark Humphrys do not agree. Mr. Grzyb is working on setting up a meeting with Yardworks and the landscape consultant to get another expert opinion and agree on what needs to be done in time to take advantage of the planting season.

Regarding the Biomass, Mr. Grzyb reported that they are installing the Chiptec equipment and the augers are almost assembled. Mr. John Johnson stated that all the equipment has been delivered and they should be ready to fire up the boiler in about two weeks. Mr. Laramie questioned when they would tie into the heating system and Mr. Johnson replied that it would be along the same time line, two weeks.

Mr. Fogarty reported that Senator Reed's office called last week regarding setting up the press conference to announce the grant. Mr. Fogarty informed them that the committee would prefer to wait for the press conference until school is open. Mr. Fogarty, Dr. Barnes and others held a meeting to discuss the event and work on the invitation list. Mr. Fogarty asked if anyone has names to be added to the invitation list that they provide the information to Dr. Barnes as he is coordinating the list.

Ms. Pat Marcotte reported that she was concerned with the timing of installing the bleachers but she has spoken with the contractor and is okay with the schedule. Ms. Marcotte noted that the bleachers will need to be sanded, they will work out a time to do that when class is not in session. When questioned about the bleachers outside the gymnasium, Ms. Marcotte informed the committee that the sections that are being used are already in the gym, the sections outside will be used for spare parts.

Mr. Fogarty stated that the drapes in the auditorium look good and Ms. Marcotte reported that they also help with the sound.

5. High School Project Update

Mr. Humphrys reported that they have received the certificate of occupancy for the North and South buildings today. Mr. Laramie explained that it took a significant effort from the architects, owner's representative team and H.V. Collins to obtain the certificate and he expressed his appreciation for their efforts. Mr. Laramie noted that the school is opening a day late but the work that was originally planned to be done in six months was done in three months due to the delays in getting started. Mr. Laramie invited everyone in attendance to tour the high school after the meeting. Mr. Grzyb recognized the subs for their efforts and reported that everyone worked together.

Mr. Grzyb informed the committee that the next milestone will be at the end of the month with the gymnasium scheduled for completion on Sept 22nd. Also at the end of September the music wing and the North end of the South building will be finished, the cafeteria will be done in November and the Library is scheduled to be done in February. The very last phases will be the other classrooms, the old library, the physics rooms and another science room.

Mr. Tim Alix reported that the science lab casework is going in now.

Mr. Grzyb reported that the tarring in the back parking lot will be going on for about two weeks. Mr. Laramie asked Mr. Dennis Kafalas to let the staff know that the back parking area will be a bit noisy for the next few weeks and they will work to get it done as soon as possible. Mr. Grzyb will work with Mr. Kafalas on a plan for the student's access to the AG building around the construction area.

Mr. Kafalas expressed his appreciation for all the issues that the team has worked on to get where they are now but asked that they resolve the auto/wood shop sprinkler issue. Mr. Laramie reported that the domestically supplied sprinkler system would have required additional water storage and an application to DOH. The architects and engineers have recommended using a dry chemical system in both spaces as an alternative. Mr. Alex Ziemba reported that there is about a two week installation period for the system and informed the committee that the design information has been passed on to EDS for review. Once the design has been accepted Maguire Group will need to finalize the drawings. In the meantime, Mr. Grzyb will work to find a contractor who deals with this type of specialized system. When questioned, Mr. Ziemba said the cost of the system could be around \$82K with additional costs for installation and mechanical and electrical. Mr. Laramie asked that Mr. Ziemba and the team make this issue a priority. Mr. Ziemba said once he has EDS approval he can move forward.

Mr. Laramie informed the committee that the staff is going through and making a room by room list of issues to be put on the punch list. Mr. Laramie noted that the movers will be on site all week to help the custodial staff. After this week the custodial staff will be responsible for cleaning and maintaining the open portion of the school.

Mr. Fogarty questioned the parking plan for the first day of school noting his concern that there won't be enough spaces. Mr. Kafalas reported that he does not see this as an issue and stated that they have added signage for the entrances and parking areas and the faculty has been made aware of where to park. Mr. Kafalas explained that faculty and students will have different parking passes to help identify anyone not parking in the correct areas. Mr. Kafalas noted that they need signs for visitor parking along the wall. Mr. Laramie reported that the architects, construction manager, Mr. Alix and the resource officer will be on hand the first day to help direct the parking. Mr. Laramie said they should look into numbering the parking spaces and having assigned parking spots.

Dr. Barnes reported that there are some rooms that initially were not going to be used but are now going to be used as classrooms that are lacking phone and data connections. Mr. Alix reported that they will look into getting some networking on a temporary basis.

Ms. Marcotte questioned whether the phones have been switched over from the middle school to the high school. Dr. Barnes stated that people calling in will be able to reach the high school directly.

Mr. Fogarty reported that he will have a listing of good news for the committee to discuss at next month's meeting including positive fiscal items such as the federal grant, bond ratings, private gifts and the Ponaganset Educational Foundation. Mr. Fogarty also informed the committee that they will discuss the project's recognition by the Department of Energy and how they have saved millions of dollars for taxpayers and received the maximum reimbursement.

6. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Chretien moved and Mr. Fogarty seconded to approve the regular and executive session minutes from the August 12, 2008 meeting. So voted, 5-0-1 with Mrs. Capobianco abstaining as she was absent from the August 12th meeting.

7. Executive Session

Mr. Laramie reported that there were no new pending legal issues to discuss therefore an executive session was not necessary.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Ducharme moved and Mr. Fogarty seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 7:20PM. So voted, 6-0.

Prepared by: Kecia Pierce, Building Committee Clerk

Approved by: Foster Gloucester Building Committee, October 14, 2008

REFERENCE 1

Foster-Glocester Regional Building
Committee Treasurer's Report -
September 9,2008

Bank of America Checking Account (Acct# 9479197036'):

> The accompanying check register presents account activity through August 30,2008. Note - the account was reconciled without exception up through bank statement ending date July 31,2008.

> As of August 30,2008 the ending account balance amounted to: \$
458,763.84

> This report does not reflect activity occurring after August 30, 2008.

Bank of America Savings Account (Acct # 9479197052):

> The accompanying check register reflects savings account activity through August 30,2008. Note - the account was reconciled without exception up through bank statement ending date July 31,2008.

> As of August 30, 2008 the ending account balance amounted to: \$
1,774,950.68

> This report does not reflect activity pending approval occurring after August 30,2008.

Bank of New York - Middle School Bonds (Acct # 435360V

> The Bank of New York Middle School bond account has been reconciled to bank statements through June 30,2008.

> As of August 30,2008 the ending account balance amounted to: S
4,266,694.49

Bank of New York - ESCO Fund (Acct # 460079):

> The Bank of New York ESCO account has been reconciled to bank statements through June 30,2008.

**> As of August 30,2008 the ending account balance amounted to: \$
7,930,287.81**

Bank of New York - High School Bond Fund (Acct # 430746V.

**> The Bank of New York High School bond account has been reconciled to bank
statements through June 30,2008.**

**> As of August 30,2008 the ending account balance amounted to: S
3,717,203.44**

Total Funds in all accounts:

\$ 18,147,900.26